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SAME

Mail Stop Amendment

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REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 13, 2006

In reply to the Office Action of March 13, 2006, Applicant submits the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections

Claims 4, 23 and 28 were rejected because the claim features “wherein the at least one bridge is exposed within at least one of the recesses” and “wherein the rear surface of the at least one bridge is covered by an insulating film” in claim 4 allegedly are contradictory and, therefore, the claim cannot be understood. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

According to claim 4, a bridge is exposed within one or more recesses, which are in the “insulating *resin*.” A rear surface of the bridge is covered by an “insulating *film*.” Since the insulating *resin* and an insulating *film* refer to different features, claim 4 is not contradictory.

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